

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-9 and 22-35 are pending in the application. A species election has been imposed between the following species of the claimed invention:

Species I: figure 7e
Species II: figure 8a
Species III: figure 8b
Species IV: figure 8c
Species V: figure 8d and
Species VI: figure 9a

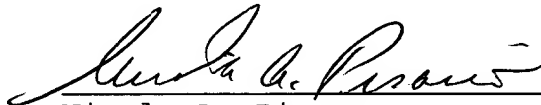
Applicants' Response

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, figure 9a for continued examination of this application.

As discussed at pages 11-13 of the response filed June 29, 2004, all of pending claims 1-9 and 22-35 have been amended to correspond to Species VI, the embodiment of FIG. 9A.

An early and favorable action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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